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## VOICES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Planning and Land Use Committee



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### **“Special” Joint Board & Planning and Land Use Committee Agenda**

Friday, November 22, 2019, 2:30PM-5:30PM

Vermont Square Branch Library

1201 West 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037

*Out of an abundance of caution due to the possible attendance and participation of a majority of Voices Neighborhood Council Board Members at this Special Joint Committee meeting, this meeting is noticed as a Special Joint Meeting of the Committee and the Board, in adherence with the State's Brown Act. No action will be taken on behalf of the Board at this meeting of the Committee. Only Committee Members are allowed to vote.*

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions at 2:35pm; Committee members P. Rand, A. Farias, J. Rabb, E. Garren in attendance. Board member S. Nieto in attendance.**
- 2. Public Comment on non-agenda items (2 minutes per speaker) – no public comments; J. Rabb moved to recommend Matthew Crawford and Javonne Sanders as new committee members of Voice's Planning & Land Use committee, P. Rand second and unanimously approved.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from October 2019 meeting - A. Farias moved to approve October 2019 minutes; E. Garren second; unanimously approved.**
- 4. Councilman Price's Initiative to Enhance 3 Major City Streets (report/discussion/possible action to bring to full board) (45 mins)**
  - Presentation by Cristina Ungureanu, Project Manager at Rios Clemente Hale Studios and City Planning's consultant on this project and Holly Harper, LA City Planning.
  - Urban Design Studio at LA City Planning; Enhanced streetscape plan to include MLK Blvd. from Vermont to Figueroa; Vermont and Figueroa between MLK Blvd. and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.
  - Currently in focus group stage and in spring/summer 2020 looking for funding; street engineering and LADOT.
  - Surveyed traffic patterns and determined about 750 cars per hour = 18,000 cars drive down MLK Blvd. within a 24-hour period.
  - Sherilyn Correa, Director of Planning & Economic Development from Curren Price's office was in attendance and also shared they are putting together a preferred artist list of local street artists who may be able to participate in murals, artwork etc. for this project and others.
  - In March/April 2020, LA City Planning will host an open house to share new information about the project and projected timeline – Voices NC will be invited and encouraged to alert stakeholders within our community.
- 5. Council File 17-0981, Issue Over the Counter / On-Site Alcohol Sales / Conditional Use Permit (report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board) (20 mins)**

- Motion to recommend that Voices NC **SUPPORT** LA City Council File 17-0981 and **APPROVE** and **SUBMIT** community impact statement
- Potential pros/cons: limits the neighborhood council's voice in issuing liquor license, encourages entrepreneurship for locals in our neighborhood; increased alcohol availability in already saturated areas; increases economic stewardship.
- E. Garren moved we recommend Voices NC **SUPPORT** LA City Council File 17-0981 and **APPROVE IF AMENDED** and **SUBMIT** community impact statement. Amendments include all restaurants that open within Voices boundaries are required to present to the Voices NC board so we may address our concerns. J. Rabb second and unanimously approved. P. Rand to write up council file and present to general board at the December meeting.

**6. Council File 17-0117, Alcohol Restricted Use Subdistrict Ordinance (ARUS) (report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board) (20 mins)**

- The ARUS ordinance is a land-use tool that protects vulnerable communities that may already be flooded with alcohol retailers, giving them the power to limit how many of these businesses continue to enter their neighborhood.
- Motion to recommend that Voices NC **SUPPORT** LA City Council File 17-0117 and **APPROVE** and **SUBMIT** community impact statement
- J. Rabb moved we recommend that Voices NC **SUPPORT** LA City Council File 17-0117 and **APPROVE IF AMENDED** and **SUBMIT** community impact statement. A. Farias second and unanimously approved. P. Rand to write up council file and present to general board at the December meeting.
- Amendments include the below regarding the oversaturation of alcohol retailers, we propose:
  1. retail liquor tax generated to be put back into the community
  2. Alcohol licensee must address any public drinking on property
  3. implement a 5-year renewal review licensee (violations; complaints, etc.)
  4. request trash and graffiti abatement be addressed within 24 hours

**7. Council File 17-1705, Citywide Sign (Billboard) Ordinance (report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board) (10 mins) - Tabled to next meeting**

- Citywide sign regulations including opt-in provision, alternative approaches to off-site signs, defining billboard blight, equity for small businesses and mural signs and related matters.
- Motion to recommend that Voices NC takes a neutral position on LA City Council File 17-1705 and **APPROVE** and **SUBMIT** community impact statement

**8. Vacant and Neglected Urban Properties (report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board) (20 mins) - Tabled to next meeting**

- Discuss and identify properties for potential action and next steps (UAIZ)
  1. Underpass (Vermont Ave and 52<sup>nd</sup> St)
  2. 42<sup>nd</sup> St. and Vermont Ave
  3. Vernon and Hoover
  4. Figueroa and 48<sup>th</sup> Street
- Motion to recommend that Voices NC **SUPPORT** and **APPROVE** a drafted letter be sent to property owners of vacant/neglected properties.

**9. Council File 14-0366-S4: Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety (report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board) (10 min) - Tabled to next meeting**

- Discuss drafted ordinance modifying the 2017 locations restrictions for commercial cannabis activity including minor changes to the way certain sensitive sites are defined as well as the rules for grandfathering of existing medical marijuana dispensaries.

- Motion to recommend that Voices NC **SUPPORT** LA City Council File 14-0366-S4 and **APPROVE** and **SUBMIT** community impact statement.

**10. Council File 19-0781, Legacy Businesses** (*report /discussion/ possible action to bring to full board*) (20 min) - **Tabled to next meeting**

- Discuss and develop a definition for area legacy businesses: “Family-owned and operated businesses that contribute to community development, investments in the community and/or are part of the cultural heritage of the neighborhood and who have been a mainstay in the community for over (time period)”.
- Discuss protections for legacy businesses (investment, incentives, sanitation, policing)
- Motion to recommend that Voices NC **SUPPORT** LA City Council File 19-0781 and **APPROVE** and **SUBMIT** community impact statement

**11. Dog Park** (*discussion*) (15 mins) - **Tabled to next meeting**

- Identify possible vacant lot for a dog park to be established.

**12. Request for future agenda items – joint Health & Safety/PLUM meeting to be held in January 24, 2020; there will be no December 2019 meeting.**

**13. Adjourn at 5:15pm**

<sup>1</sup> *Comments from the public on other matters, not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board or committee chair.*

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